

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,  
and listings, of claims in the application:

1 Claim 1 (original): An electronic camera comprising:  
2 imaging means for imaging an image of an object;  
3 first image creating means for creating a first  
4 image based on the image imaged by said imaging means;  
5 operating means for setting information indicating a  
6 predetermined process;  
7 first transmission means for transmitting the first  
8 image and the information indicating the predetermined  
9 process to a center via a communication line;  
10 reception means for receiving an image transmitted  
11 from the center according to a processing result of the  
12 first image;  
13 display means for displaying the image received by  
14 the reception means; and  
15 second transmission means for transmitting to the  
16 center a second image having a larger number of pixels  
17 than an image corresponding to the first image.

1 Claim 2 (original): The electronic camera according to  
2 claim 1, wherein a processing set by said operating means  
3 is a synthesizing processing of an imaged image with a  
4 desired background image.

1 Claim 3 (original): The electronic camera according to  
2 claim 1, wherein a processing set by said operating means  
3 is a synthesizing processing of a panorama image.

1 Claim 4 (original): The electronic camera according to  
2 claim 1, further comprising background selection means  
3 for selecting a background image, wherein  
4 said first transmission means transmits the first  
5 image created by said first image creating means and a  
6 data relating to a background image selected by said  
7 background image selection means to the center via the  
8 communication line,  
9 said reception means receives a synthesized image by  
10 synthesizing the first image with the background image  
11 transmitted from the center, via the communication line,  
12 and  
13 said second transmission means transmits to the  
14 center via the communication line the second image having  
15 a larger number of pixels than an image corresponding to  
16 the first image and the data relating to the background  
17 image selected by said background image selection means.

1 Claim 5 (original): The electronic camera according to  
2 claim 4, wherein said background image selection means  
3 selects an arbitrary background image among background  
4 images received by said reception means and stored in the  
5 center.

1 Claim 6 (original): The electronic camera according to  
2 claim 4, wherein the background image selected by said  
3 background image selection means is scrollable in at  
4 least one of a horizontal direction and a vertical  
5 direction.

1 Claim 7 (original): The electronic camera according to  
2 claim 1, wherein the first image is a reduced image of

3 the image imaged by the imaging means, and the second  
4 image is an image before the reduction.

Claims 8-9 (canceled)

1 Claim 10 (currently amended): ~~The electronic camera~~  
2 ~~according to claim 8,~~ An electronic camera comprising:  
3 imaging means for imaging an image of an object;  
4 transmission means for transmitting to a center via  
5 a communication line a first image obtained by the  
6 imaging means; and  
7 reception means for receiving via the communication  
8 line a predetermined data processed by the center based  
9 on the first image transmitted to the center,  
10 wherein an imaging operation is performed by said  
11 imaging means based on the data received by said  
12 reception means,  
13 wherein a second image obtained through the imaging  
14 is transmitted to the center via the communication line,  
15 and  
16 wherein a size of the first image is smaller than  
17 that of the second image.

1 Claims 11-12 (canceled)

1 Claim 13 (original): An imaging system comprising an  
2 electronic camera for imaging an object and a center for  
3 processing an image, said electronic camera and said  
4 center being connected with each other via a  
5 communication line, wherein  
6 said center includes: center-side reception means  
7 for receiving an image and an information indicating a

8 predetermined process to be performed to the image;  
9 processing means for performing a predetermined process  
10 to the received image based on the information received  
11 by the center-side reception means; and center-side  
12 transmission means for transmitting a result of the  
13 processing performed by said processing means, and  
14       said electronic camera includes: imaging means for  
15 imaging an object; first image creating means for  
16 creating a first image based on an image imaged by said  
17 imaging means, operating means for setting information  
18 indicating a predetermined process, first camera-side  
19 transmission means for transmitting the first image and  
20 the information indicating the predetermined process to  
21 the center; camera-side reception means for receiving a  
22 result of the processing transmitted from the center;  
23 display means for displaying the processing result  
24 received by the camera-side reception means; and second  
25 camera-side transmission means for transmitting to the  
26 center a second image corresponding to the first image  
27 and having a larger number of pixels than the first  
28 image.

1 Claim 14 (original): An imaging system comprising an  
2 electronic camera for imaging an object and a center for  
3 processing an image, said electronic camera and said  
4 center being connected via a communication line, wherein  
5       said center includes: center-side reception means  
6 for receiving an image and a background image with  
7 respect to the image; processing means for synthesizing  
8 the image and the background image received by the  
9 center-side reception means; and center-side transmission

10 means for transmitting a result of the processing  
11 performed by said processing means, and  
12       said electronic camera includes: imaging means for  
13 imaging an object; background selection means for  
14 selecting a background image; first image creating means  
15 for generating a first image based on the image imaged by  
16 the imaging means; first camera-side transmission means  
17 for transmitting to the center the first image created by  
18 said first image creating means and a data relating to a  
19 background image selected by said background image  
20 selection means; camera-side reception means for  
21 receiving a result of the process transmitted from the  
22 center; display means for displaying a synthesized image  
23 received by said camera-side reception means; and second  
24 camera-side transmission means for transmitting to the  
25 center a second image corresponding to the first image  
26 and having a larger number of pixels than the first image  
27 together with the data relating to the selected  
28 background image.

1   Claims 15-16 (canceled)

1   Claim 17 (original):   An imaging method comprising:  
2       imaging an object;  
3       creating a first image based on the imaged image;  
4       setting information indicating a predetermined image  
5   processing;  
6       transmitting the first image and an information  
7   indicating a content of the predetermined image  
8   processing to a center via a communication line;  
9       receiving a result of a processing transmitted from  
10   the center via the communication line, after a

11 predetermined processing is preformed to the first image  
12 based on the information indicating the image processing  
13 in said center;  
14 displaying the processing result received; and  
15 transmitting to the center via the communication  
16 line a second image having a larger number of pixels than  
17 the image corresponding to the first image.

1 Claim 18 (original): An imaging method comprising:  
2 imaging an object;  
3 selecting a background image;  
4 generating a first image based on the imaged image;  
5 transmitting the first image and a data about the  
6 selected background image to a center via a communication  
7 line;  
8 receiving a synthesized image transmitted from the  
9 center via the communication line, after synthesizing the  
10 first image with the selected background image in the  
11 center;  
12 displaying the synthesized image received; and  
13 transmitting to the center via the communication  
14 line a second image corresponding to the first image and  
15 having a larger number of pixels than the first image  
16 together with the data relating to the selected  
17 background image.

1 Claims 19-20 (canceled)